

50X1-HUM

CONFIDENTIAL

A powerful floating crane which was also built at the Aral'sk Ship Repair Yard was recently towed to Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR where it will be used on the lower Amu-Dar'ya River for unloading mineral fertilizer delivered by sea.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 17 Oct 53

The Gorodets Shipyard has completed construction of a two-deck passenger landing stage. The stage is built on a reinforced concrete hull 65 meters long. Stations of this series are designed for use on the Volga River.

The interior of the new landing stage has a restaurant, buffet, waiting rooms, overnight rooms, rooms for mothers and children, hairdressers, and showers. Radio and telephone installations have also been provided. On the lower deck there are reading rooms, writing desks, baggage rooms, and rest rooms.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 7 Jan 54

The Shipyard imeni S. M. Kirov in Astrakhan' is building new tugs for the fishing industries of the Caspian, Aral, Baltic, Black, and Azov seas.

Moscow, Ogonek, No 48, Nov 53

The new tanker Klaypeda was launched recently. The ship has a length of 145.5 meters and a beam of over 19 meters. It is powered by twin diesel engines of Soviet make which are fitted with reducing gears. Its dead-weight tonnage is 10,000 tons of fuel.

WATER TRANSPORT RESULTS -- Baku, Bakinskiy Rabochiy, 29 Oct 53

The motorboat Faza has fulfilled the 1953 plan for geophysical survey of offshore petroleum deposits.

Kiev, Sovetskaya Belorussiya, 15 Nov 53

The flotilla operated by Kuybyshevgidrostroy has transported hundreds of thousands of tons of equipment, stone, gravel, and sand during the 1953 navigation season. The M/V Dmitriy Donskoy was particularly successful.

Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 20 Nov 53

During the 1953 navigation season, the White Sea-Lake Omega Steamship Line carried 58,000 tons of ship-carried timber above the plan and 48,000 cubic meters of logs in floats above the plan.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 1 Jan 54

The M/V Michurin made approximately 40 voyages during the 1953 navigation season, visiting ports in India, Egypt, and the People's Democracies.

- 2 -

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

CONFIDENTIAL

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 22 Oct 53

The Lower Irtysch Steamship Line has completed the 1953 navigation plan. Especially noteworthy during the year was the increased use of the barge-pushing method. Over 100 tows were dispatched using this method.

Sixty tugs worked on an hourly schedule during 1953, and over 150 ships have fulfilled the 1953 plan.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 5 Jan 54

The S/S Yushar (Captain, Zhukov) completed 16 voyages to islands and ports on the Arkhangel'sk -- Nar'yan-Mar Line during 1953. She carried more than 7,000 tons of consumer goods into the far north, and brought back large quantities of fish.

The S/S Yushar also carried passengers during the year, sometimes transporting 400 persons although she has accommodations for only 143.

Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 24 Nov 53

Deputy Minister of the Maritime and River Fleet A. N. Bakhturov reports that the river fleet in the eastern areas of the USSR carried almost 2 million tons more freight in 1953 than in 1952.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 7 Jan 54

In 1953, the maritime fleet in the Far East carried 16 percent more freight by tonnage than in 1952 and 23 percent more by ton-miles. Shipment of salt and other freight from Mago [Amur River] to Okhotsk fisheries was 31 percent greater in 1953 than in 1952.

Ships operating on regular lines carried 31 percent more freight in 1953 than in 1952.

In the Far Eastern Steamship Company, 21 ships fulfilled the 1953 plan. Among them were the Kapitan Smirnov, Tsitkovskiy, Uritskiy, Krasnogvardeyets, and General Panfilov.

The area's maritime ports fulfilled the freight plan by 100.2 percent, and the river ports fulfilled the plan by 112 percent.

The following ports successfully completed the plan: Aleksandrovsk-na-Sakhaline (Chief, Statin), Korsakov (Chief, Gushenko), Vanino (Chief, Vasil'yev), Vladivostok (Chief, Poturnak), Kholmok (Chief, Kuz'min), and Khabarovsk (Chief, Fedchenko).

As a result of construction and expansion in the Far East, the number of portal cranes will increase 60 percent by 1955, caterpillar cranes by 20 percent, and floating cranes twice.

In 1954-1955, 139,000 square meters of living space will be built in the Far East Basin.

- 3 -

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 5 Jan 54

The following comparative figures have been given for freight and passenger shipment at Belen'kaya Wharf, located 25 kilometers below Zaporozh'ye on the Dnepr River.

Freight transport (bread grains, vegetables, timber, and other cargoes):
1951 - 11,000 tons; 1952 - 28,000 tons; 1953 - 35,000 tons.

Passenger transport: 1951 - 61,000; 1952 - 64,000; 1953 - 67,000.

Moscow, Izvestiya, 25 Nov 53

The Tallin Shipyard of the Main Administration of Fish Industry has completed the 1953 plan. The yard builds ships for fishing kolkhozes, motorized fishing stations, and fishing combines.

SOVIET RIVER FLEET PREPARES FOR WINTER -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 16 Nov 53

Almost all the ships which have been assigned to wintering quarters at the Khlebnikovo Ship Repair Yard have already arrived. Representatives of the Moscow - Volga Steamship Line have presented ship passports to the repair shops.

Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 15 Nov 53

The passenger ship S/S Taras Shevchenko sailed from Kiev yesterday on the last trip of the year to Kherson. The ship proceeded with unusual difficulty since the river has been almost completely frozen over for several days.

In the lower reaches of the Dnepr River, navigation is continuing. Ships are delivering freight for the Kakhovskaya GES and construction materials for MTS and kolkhozes. The shipment of consumer goods continues.

Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 20 Nov 53

The 17th navigation season has ended in the area served by the Moscow-Volga Steamship Line. Ice has closed the Upper Volga River around Kallin and the Moscow Reservoir, and there is some ice in the Moscow Canal and the northern part of the Rybinsk Reservoir.

The navigation season lasted almost 10 days longer in 1953 than in 1952.

Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znaniya, 20 Nov 53

Navigation has ended on the Belomorsk-Baltic Canal. Local traffic.

SOVIET VESSELS IN FOREIGN WATERS -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 1 Jan 54

On 1 January, the S/S Belorussiya was under way to the Bay of Biscay from the French port of Boulogne.

The M/V Sergo was under way in the East China Sea.

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

CONFIDENTIAL

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 5 Jan 54

The tanker Tuapse is under way for a home port in the USSR after provisioning the whaling flotilla Slava in the Antarctic.

The tanker Volga-Don is preparing to leave the Black Sea to carry supplies to the Slava. The Volga-Don is a new ship which has shown unusual seaworthiness in her work in the Black Sea and thus has been chosen for the long trip to Antarctica. The ship has been sent to Novorossiysk where she will take on freight for the trip.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 5 Jan 54

The M/V Akademik Krylov is in the Indian Ocean and is under way for a home port in the Black Sea.

SOVIET VESSEL LOCATIONS AND TRAFFIC -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 17 Oct 53

Fifty self-propelled vessels have been added to the Volga Freight Steamship Line for the transport of consumer goods, manufactured articles, and vegetables. The cargo ships M/V Sovetskaya Moldaviya, M/V Tadzhikiya, and M/V Kirgiziya are operating on the Shcherbakov-Molotov line. The cargo ships M/V Armeniya, M/V Abkhaziya, M/V Cherkesiya, and M/V Turkmeniya are sailing on the Shcherbakov-Astrakhan line. The M/V ST-234 is carrying express freight on the Stalingra-Moscow line.

The steamship line and the Stalingrad Regional Administration are paying particular attention to the shipment of vegetables and melons. Thirty diesel vessels with an aggregate dead-weight tonnage of 12,000 tons have been assigned to melon shipment from Astrakhanskaya and Stalingradskaya oblasts.

A fleet of self-propelled vessels has been prepared for large-scale potato shipments from Gor'kovskaya Oblast, Chuvashskaya ASSR, Tatarskaya ASSR, and Mariyskaya ASSR.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 20 Oct 53

The S/S Polys and S/S Ekvator are operating on the Ili River [empties into Lake Balkhash]. The S/S Borodino is sailing with the East Siberian Steamship Line. The S/L Mayakovskiy is operating with the Upper Irtysh Steamship Line.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 17 Oct 53

Great quantities of phosphates are being received from the mineral-rich Gulf of Kara-Bogaz-Gol. They are relayed from their sources to Baku and for further shipment.

The port at Bektash fulfilled shipment for phosphates in November 1953 by 138.4 percent.

In 1953, the first barges loaded with sulfate from the Gulf of Kara-Bogaz-Gol were sent direct to Moscow and Yaroslavl.

- 5 -

CONFIDENTIAL

50X1-HUM

CONFIDENTIAL

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 5 Jan 54

The first voyages of 1954 in the Black Sea Steamship Company were made by the S/S Mekhanik Gerasimov, M/V Iosif Stalin (Captain, Plyavin), and S/S Sukhona.

The tanker Vayyan-Kutyur'ye is again operating in the Black Sea after undergoing capital repairs.

Ashkhabad, Turkmenskaya Iskra, 25 Nov 53

The following vessels are operating with the Central Asia Steamship Line: S/S Gromov, M/V Turgenev, and M/V Novikov-Priboy.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 1 Jan 54

The S/S Yakov Sverdlov (Captain, Ya. Porygin) operated on the Irtysh River during 1953.

Moscow, Komsomol'skaya Pravda, 21 Nov 53

Twice as many ships passed through the Volga-Don Canal during 1953 as in 1952. Freight ships and barges passed through in an average of 10 hours, passenger vessels in 2 hours.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 17 Oct 53

The S/S S. Khalturin, M/V Akademik Komarov, and S/S Yelets are operating with the Northern Steamship Company.

The M/V Dal'nii Vostok is operating with the Amur Steamship Line.

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL -- Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 5 Jan 54

/ Khokhryakov is presently the head of Glavskolovodil'stvo (Main Administration of Shipyard Timber Management).

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 7 Jan 54

The Murmansk Arctic Steamship Company is now under the direction of Pomin.

Moscow, Vodnyy Transport, 1 Jan 54

A. Polikarpov is the new chief of the Black Sea Steamship Company.

- E N D -

50X1-HUM

- 6 -

CONFIDENTIAL